

State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

December 17, 2014
Certified Mail/Return
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Terhel Farms Trailer Park #1
P.O. Box 790
Williams, CA 95987

RE: Terhel Farms Trailer Park #1, Public Water System No. 0600027– Citation No. 21-14C-024 for November 2014, Exceedance of the Bacteriological Maximum Contaminant Level

Dear Cindy Holland,

Enclosed is a citation issued to Terhel Farms Trailer Park #1 (System). The citation is being issued because the System failed to comply with the drinking water standard for total coliform bacteria during November 2014. Please be aware that the Directives section of the citation contains required actions that must be taken by the System.

Please be advised that the system is in violation of two other sections of the regulations. Only four of five required routine samples were collected in November 2014, and this office did not receive the Certificate of Posting for the October 2014 total coliform rule violation.

Note that Section 116577 of the California Safe Drinking Water Act provides for the Division to be reimbursed by the public water system for costs incurred for preparing and issuing a citation to that system. In accordance with Section 116577, the System will be billed for the preparation and issuance of this citation. The current reimbursement rate is approximately \$128 per hour.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call James Reade at (530) 224-2485 or me at (530) 224-4861.

Sincerely,



Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E.
Valley District Engineer
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Enclosures

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Terhel Farms Trailer Park #1 Has Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard in November 2014, did not collect all bacteriological samples in November 2014, and did not provide proof of public notification of the bacteriological failure in October 2014

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard and did not follow regulations. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We were required to collect five (5) samples, but only collected four (4) samples, to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during November 2014. All four of the samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one (1) sample per month may do so. We also exceeded the standard in October 2014 and were required to notify you of this violation, but we failed to provide proof of notification to the Division of Drinking Water.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we test for total coliform bacteria in any sample, we also test to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our testing.** If we had, we would have notified you immediately.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline

at 1(800) 426-4791.

- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

In November 2014, four water samples had tested positive for total coliform organisms. The water distribution system was chlorinated and flushed, and a second round of samples will be collected in a few days to evaluate the success of the cleaning. We will inform you when our sampling shows that no bacteria are present. We anticipate resolving the problem within the next 10 days.

For more information, please contact Cindy Holland at (916) 208-6429.

This notice was posted by the Terhel Farms Trailer Park #1, water system.

State Water System ID#: 0600027.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This form, when completed and returned to the Division of Drinking Water (364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101, Redding, CA 96002 or fax to 530-224-4844), serves as certification that public notification to water users was completed as required by the California Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations. Completing public notification and providing the Division with certification is important. Failure to do so will result in additional hourly time charges to your water utility and may result in a formal enforcement action with monetary penalties.

Public Water System Name Terhel Farms Trailer Park #1

Public Water System No. 0600027

Public notification for the November 2014 bacteriological failure was performed by the following method:

 The attached notice was posted in the following conspicuous places:

For this method, provide the date (or dates) that the notice was posted _____.

I hereby certify that the above information is factual.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

1 **Citation No. 21-14C-024**

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3 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
4 **WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**
5 **DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**
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7 **Public Water System:** Terhel Farms Trailer Park #1

8 **Water System No.:** 0600027
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10 **To:** Terhel Farms Trailer Park #1

11 Attn: Cindy Holland
12 P.O. Box 790
13 Williams, CA 95987
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15 **Issued:** December 16, 2014

16 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
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18 **CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE**
19 **With Title 22 California Code of Regulations**
20 **Section 64426.1(b)**
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22 Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) authorizes the
23 issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of the California Safe
24 Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with
25 Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued thereunder.
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27 The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and
28 through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director

for the Division, hereby issues a citation to Terhel Farms Trailer Park #1 (System) for failure to comply with Section 64426.1(b), Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

Section 116650 of the CHSC states:

(a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

(b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.

(c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition constituting the violation.

(d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).

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2 (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed
3 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation
4 occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A
5 separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.
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7 Section 64426.1 (b), Title 22, of the CCR states:
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9 (b) A public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL
10 [maximum contaminant level] when any of the following
11 occurs:
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13 (1) For a public water system which collects at least 40
14 samples per month, more than 5.0 percent of the
15 samples collected during any month are total coliform-
16 positive; or
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18 (2) For a public water system which collects fewer than
19 40 samples per month, more than one sample
20 collected during any month is total coliform-positive; or
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22 (3) Any repeat sample is fecal coliform-positive or *E. coli*-
23 positive; or
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25 (4) Any repeat sample following a fecal coliform-positive
26 or *E. coli*-positive routine sample is total coliform-
27 positive.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Terhel Farms Trailer Park #1, domestic water system (System) is classified as a transient noncommunity water system serving approximately 25 persons per day. In accordance with Section 64423 of Title 22, the System is required to collect one routine bacteriological sample per quarter, unless there was a positive bacteriological sample, in which case, five routine bacteriological samples are required the following month. On October 21, 2014, the System collected one routine sample from the distribution system, which contained total coliform bacteria. Four repeat samples were collected on October 24, 2014. All four repeat samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The cause of the contamination was unknown. No sample discussed herein was positive for *E. coli*.

In November 2014, the well and system were disinfected and then four routine samples were collected on November 17, 2014. All of these samples were positive for total coliform (not *E. coli*). No further samples were collected in November (five samples were required).

DETERMINATIONS

The Division has determined that the System violated Section 64426.1(b)(2), Title 22, of the CCR, in that the System exceeded the total coliform MCL during the month of November 2014.

The Division has determined that the System violated Section 64424 (d), Title 22, of the CCR, in that the System failed to collect five routine samples the following month of a TCR violation.

1 The Division has determined that the System violated Section 64463.4, Title 22, of
2 the CCR, in that the System failed to notify its users of the October violation and/or
3 failed to submit a completed certification of public notice to the Division.
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5 **DIRECTIVES**

6 The System is hereby directed to take the following actions:
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- 8 1. Comply with Section 64426.1, Title 22, of the CCR in all future monitoring
9 periods.
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- 11 2. **Within 30 days** of the issuance of this Citation, notify all persons served by
12 the System of the MCL violation as required by Section 64463.4 and Section
13 64465, Title 22, of the CCR. Notification shall be completed in accordance
14 with each of the following:
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16 (A) Posting in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the
17 water system.
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- 19 3. Changes and/or modifications to Attachment 'A' shall be not be made unless
20 approved by the Division.
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- 22 4. Complete and return Attachment 'B' "Certification of Completion of Public
23 Notification" form **within 10 days** of giving public notice. A copy of the notice
24 used to provide public notification shall be attached to the form.
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1 The completed and signed copy of Attachment 'B' shall be submitted to the following
2 address:

4 Reese B. Crenshaw, P. E.

5 Valley District Engineer

6 Drinking Water Field Operations

7 Division of Drinking Water

8 State Water Resources Control Board

9 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101

10 Redding, CA 96002

11 (530) 224-4800

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13 Nothing in this Citation relieves the System of its obligation to meet the requirements
14 of Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4 (California Safe
15 Drinking Water Act), or any regulation, permit, standard or order issued or adopted
16 thereunder.

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18 The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation, as it may
19 deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be
20 issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

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22 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

23 The California SDWA authorizes the Board to: issue citation with assessment of
24 administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation
25 of the requirements of the California SDWA or any permit, regulation, permit or order

1 issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a
2 violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also
3 authorizes the Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been
4 issued to a public water system if the system has violated applicable law or
5 regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the Board; and to petition the
6 superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system
7 that has failed to comply with violates an order of the Board. The Board does not
8 waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.

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10 **PARTIES BOUND**

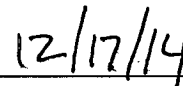
11 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the System, its officers, directors,
12 agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

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14 **SEVERABILITY**

15 The directives of this Citation are severable, and Terhel Farms Trailer Park #1 shall
16 comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of
17 any other provision.

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22 Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E., District Engineer
23 Valley District
24 Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

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Date

26 **Attachments:**

- 27 'A' Public Notification Template
28 'B' Certification of Completion
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